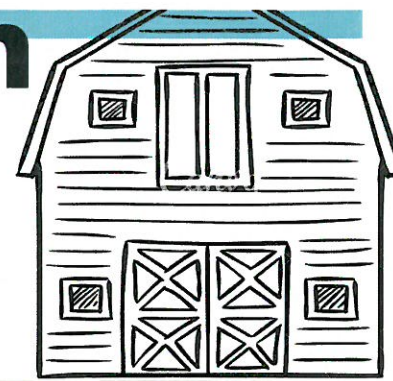
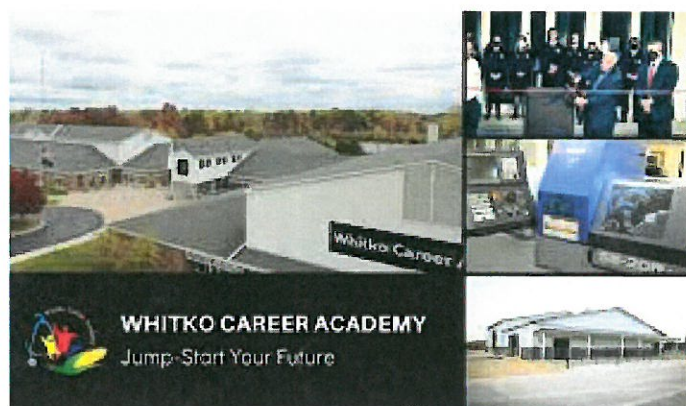


The Open Barn Door



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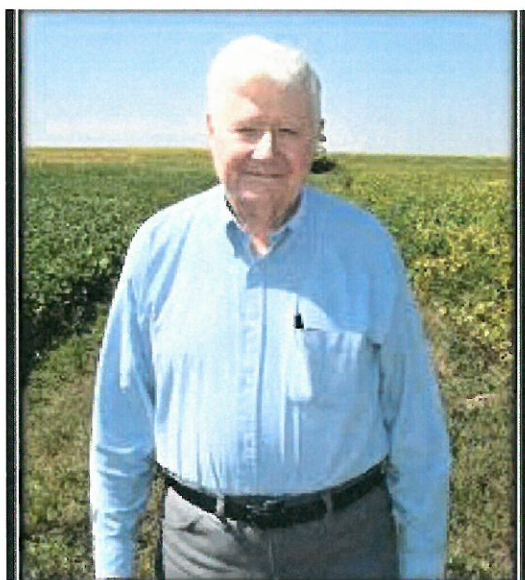
UP WITH THE BARN

This summer we had a livestock barn built and added to the ag program. This has been a long process, but a great addition. With this barn, we've had the opportunity to raise some livestock and held some great events.



Ribbon Cutting

On October 10th the Career Academy held an open house to showcase all the career options available and the materials available.



Happy Birthday

Mr. McVay celebrated his 90th birthday on December 4th

Project Driven



My name is Maggie Wolf, I am a sophomore at Whitko. This newsletter was a class project for Mr. Carr's Ag Business class that everyone completed. My newsletter was selected to be published and is all student-led.

Hear it from the Members



The academy has helped me to have a better idea of what I want my future career to be that I'm interested in animal nutrition and veterinary science because of what I've experienced at the academy. You get the experience and see hands-on what the agriculture field is truly about and I've got to do things that I never imagined I would get to do at school. Thanks to the Whitko Community that made the academy possible. I've developed stronger leadership skills, challenged myself more, and discovered new things I'm interested in. - Lexi Funnell

There is so much potential for greatness in Whitko FFA. This year, we are doing so many new things and pushing ourselves harder than ever before. We have so much raw talent. Whitko is going for gold this year and every year after this! - Jordyn Leininger

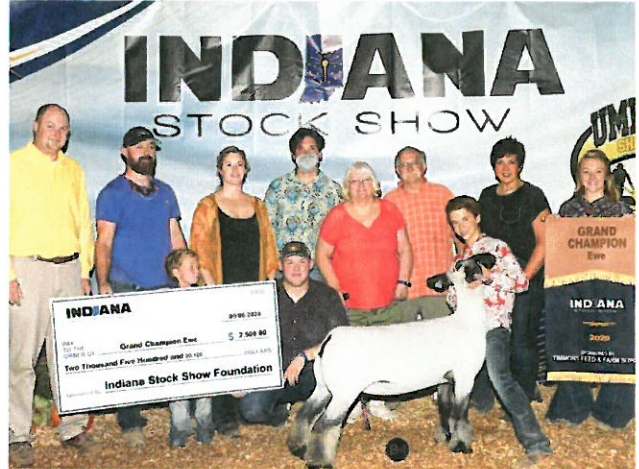


I have grown up on a farm and for a long time, I have known that I wanted to go into a career with animals and the Career Academy has given me the opportunity to not only learn but also be around animals. I am very thankful for the opportunities that I have had at the Career Academy. - Reese Bradford

Summer SAE



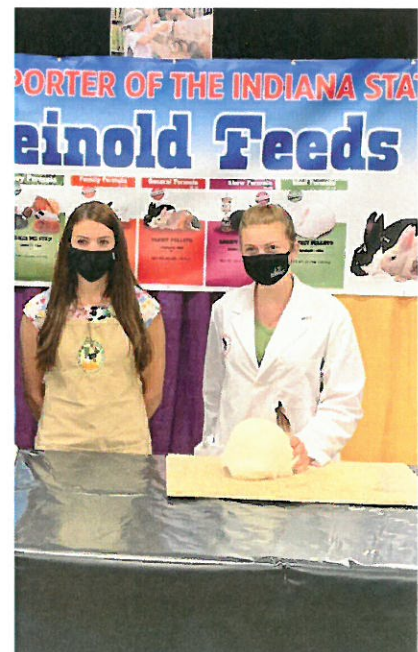
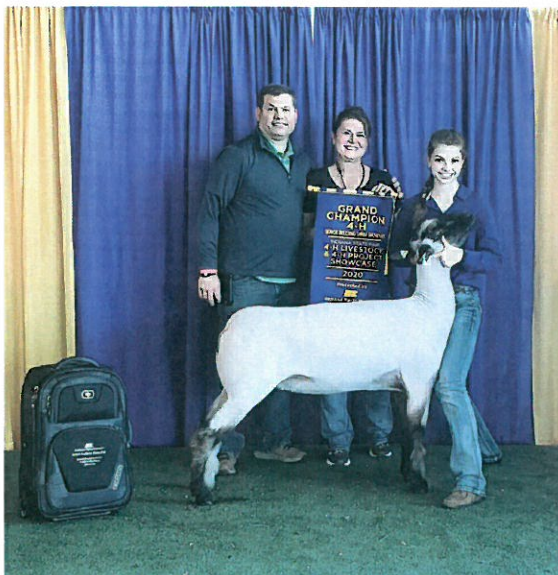
Lilly Sickafoose exhibited the Champion Charolais Market Steer at the Indiana State Fair



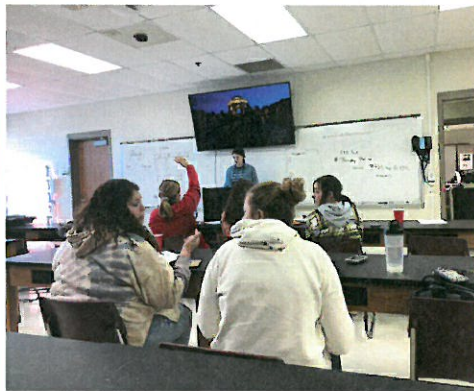
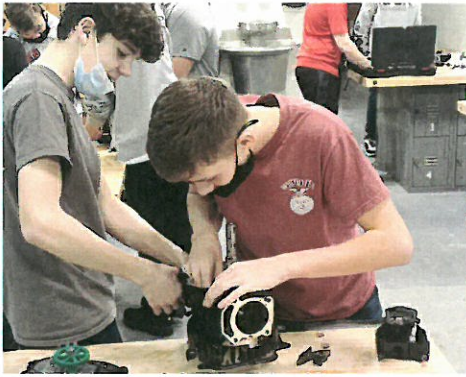
Wyatt Nixon exhibited the Champion Overall Ewe at the Indiana State Fair

Jordyn Leiningner was the Grand Champion Overall Senior Breeding Sheep Showman at the Indiana State Fair

Katie Sharp exhibited the Reserve Champion Single Fryer at the Indiana State Fair



In the Classroom



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State Proficiency Winners

A huge congratulations to Robert Werstler and Brent Studebaker for winning their proficiency.



Congratulation Robert Werstler for
winning Wildlife Production and
Processing.

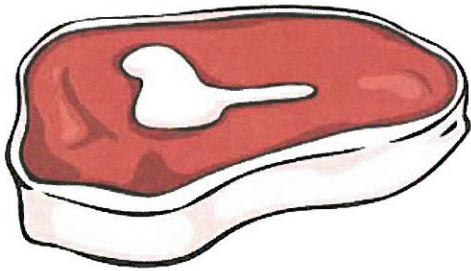
Congratulation Brent Studebaker for
winning Diversified Crop Production.



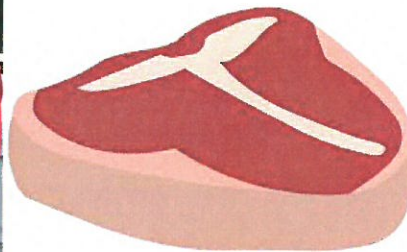
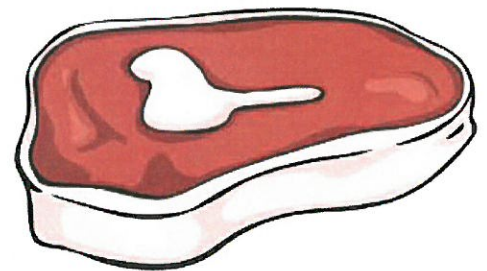
Hoosier Degree Winners

A huge congratulations to Claire Keirn, Brent Studebaker, and Ryan Stump for receiving their Hoosier Degree.

State Champion Meats Judging



Overall				
Team #	St	Team Name (click to view)	Score	Rank
2007		WHITKO FFA	1629	1
2022		HERITAGE FFA GOLD	1576	2
2014		DANVILLE FFA	1502	3
2009		INDIAN CREEK	1460	4
2013		DANVILLE FFA	1432	5
2008		WHITKO FFA	1412	6
2010		INDIAN CREEK	1393	7
2016		UNION CITY HS	1120	8
2003		INDIAN CREEK	1106	9
2017		UNION CITY HS	1078	10



We'd also like to say Congratulations to Ryan Brown for placing 5th at Area Soils.

Community Service



In the month of October, the 9th-grade Animal Science class and FFA Community Service Committee made a contribution of their own funds, to make a difference in the community. Whitko Career Academy staff were challenged to match those funds and came through in a big way, more than doubling the match. The funds were used to purchase 45 books (all animal-related, of course) that will be donated to Kate's Kart for children to read at Whitley and Kosciusko Parkview Hospitals

Whitko FFA members at Whitko Career Academy collected needed items for Mission 25, Whitley County's transitional living facility, during September. Over 100 toiletry and cleaning items were collected. "You heard about the need and you set out to fill the need. Well done! Not only did you fill the need, but you stood in the gap for others," said Mission 25 Director Shawn Ellis. This successful effort is part of the Whitko FFA's community service initiative; working to benefit and address needs in the community.



Meet the Officers



Brent
Studebaker
President



Lexi
Funnell
Vice
President



Hailey
Arnold
Secretary



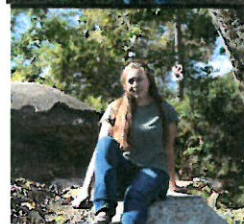
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Ryan Stump
Sentinel



Katie Sharp
Historian



Maggie Wolf
Student Advisor



Jordyn Leinigier
Parliamentarian



Dale Lehman
Chaplin

Thank you to Delaney Stahl, Floral Designer, TNT Floral

Thank you to Travis Knotte for donating a cattle chute and Eberly family for delivering.

Thank you to Wamsley Club Lambs and Schrader Angus for supplying stock to our college workout prior to Louisville.

Thank you to Krieder Processing for supplying meat cuts for Meats CDE and a heifer reproductive tract for animal science class.

Thank you to Whitko School Board for your continual support.

Thank you to Zoetis for sponsoring awards at Stockman Livestock.



Thank you to college judging teams for attending our college workout prior to Louisville: University of Wyoming, South Dakota State, Oklahoma State, Kansas State, Connors State, Fresno State, University of Missouri, Hutchinson Junior College.

Thank you to Ryan Rothenbuhler with Conley & Kontz Veterinary Hospital for conducting Animal Science lamb featuring pregnancy checking sheep.

Thank you to all the livestock supporters at Stockman Livestock Judging contest: Luke Wechter, Dice Simmentals, Bowers Southdowns, Austin Weber, Jackie Bell family, Richard Rogers family, Harker Simmentals, Don Rodenbeck family, Jason Howard family, Thad Leininger family, 3G Cattle Ranch, all the supporters and alumni including Annette Arnold decorating, Mrs. Studebaker, Pam Harner, Nedra Wilcoxen, Matt Dice family, Kevin Eiler, Cara Badskey Warren, Eric Camden, Warnock Simmentals, Steph Warner Merril, Stacie Warner, Rita Wilkinson Rogers, Clint Jenkins and Tonya Weeks.

Thank you to Bobby Osborn for hauling steers to auction. Your support is greatly appreciated and look forward with working with you in the near future.

Thank you to Purdue Animal Science for delivering our steers to our new facility. It is greatly appreciated and your commitment did not go unnoticed.

Thank you to Scott Werstler for your continual support of the agriculture department. We could not list all the things you have done for us. From storing equipment to loaning us a wagon. We would also like to thank him for sponsoring the meal for contestants at Stockman.

Thank you to Danny Studebaker family for allowing to spread manure on your fields.

Thank you to Dr. Penrod for your continual support of the agriculture department. Our class is utilizing the livestock barn and it is great hands-on and very rewarding. This facility is very special.



\$100 -Whitko FFA Alumni

1963	Steve Sickafoose	1979	Joe Kessie	1982	Joe Wolf
1988	Douglass Lehman	1989	Scott Werstler	1993	Annette Deneve Arnold
1995	Cory Sickafoose	1995	Anonymous		

\$100 FFA Supporters

Tom Warner

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Stiffler Family Angus	Zoetis	UPI/PARKS,LLC
Roger K. Carr	William McVay	Greenmark Equipment

\$1,250 Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship

Ag Plus	Land O'Lakes	Steve and Beth Sickafoose Family
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\$2,500 FFA Supporter

In Memory of Dale Hauptert

Family Scholarships

\$500 LuAnn Warner Scholarship

\$1,250 Steve and Beth Sickafoose Family

If you would like to donate please contact Mr. Carr (roger.carr@whitko.net)
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Stockman



1/2021
 Roger Carr,
 Thank you for allowing us to
 judge at Stockman. We appreciate
 your fortitude in putting the contest
 together and just making it
 happen. Most of our team had not
 been to the midwest before so
 it has been an amazing week.
 Please thank all of your support
 team as well.
 Colorado 4H Livestock
 Judging Team

